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HQAMC dedicates conference room to fallen civilian

Headquarters, Army Materiel Command leaders and family members of Linda J. Villar unveiled the Villar Conference Room in a dedication ceremony here today. The multipurpose room was officially renamed with the unveiling of Villar's commemorative plaque.

Villar, acting chief, 3rd Infantry Division logistics support element, Baghdad, Iraq, was killed when an insurgent mortar round struck Camp Liberty, June 3, 2005. Villar spent most of her 24 years of civilian service with the AMC, including the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and the U.S. Army Field Support Command. Her awards include the Defense of Freedom Medal, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Army Achievement Award.

"If you didn't get a chance to know Linda, you really missed out," said Villar's husband David.

Natick Soldier Center named lab of the year for fourth time

The Natick Soldier Center, Mass., recently received the 2005 Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Award (Small Development Lab Category). NSC has prevailed in the Small Development Lab Category for three consecutive years and has won the award for four out of the past five years. The award is the most prestigious bestowed by the Army upon a research and development organization.

Letterkenny cuts ribbon in partnerships with Lockheed

Advancing the best efforts between military and industry, Col. Robert A. Swenson, Letterkenny Army Depot commander, joined executives of Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control to cut ribbons signifying partnerships on both the Javelin and Target Acquisition, Designation Sight/Pilot's Night Vision Sensor.

The partnership will result in repair of Forward Looking Infrared and Operator Interface circuit card assemblies on the Javelin missile. TADS/PNVS is a subassembly of the Apache attack helicopter. Letterkenny provides on-site technicians and back shop support while Lockheed Martin brings program management, technical expertise, and supply chain management to this partnership.

RDECOM engineer saves Army \$10 Million with suggestion

A U.S. Army electronics engineer saved the government \$10 million with his suggestion to improve existing design tools and libraries for an Army program. Jerry Dickson, Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., was announced as the Department of the Army 2005 Civilian Suggester of the Year. He successfully completed delivery of 86 fully tested and qualified power amplifier modules, on schedule, and did it at nearly \$1 million under cost.

Spotlight on Lean Six Sigma...

Eleven Anniston Army Depot, Ala., Lean Six Sigma green belt candidates have met certification requirements. The candidates completed their training through VSE Corp. and made final presentations to the ANAD LSS Review Board.

Candidates are: Brice Williamson, Jerry Roberts, Kris Reynolds, John Daniel, Matthew Taliaferro, Sasha Buckner, Grant Greenwood, John Daniel, Mark Johnson, Gary Hollingsworth, Drue Snow and Ann Worrell. Col. Alexander Raulerson, depot commander, achieved green belt certification through course requirements from Villanova University. Fourteen other depot managers are currently working toward certification through this program.

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